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SUBJECT: INDO-US NUCLEAR RELATIONS

1. "HINDUSTAN TIMES" WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT N.C. MENON  
REPORTS APRIL 19 THAT THE AMERICAN JOURNAL "NUCLEAR FUEL"--  
"KNOWN TO HAVE ACCESS TO INSIDE INFORMATION" -- IN ITS  
APRIL 17 ISSUE PREDICTED THAT THE NRC WILL DENY, BY A 2 TO 2  
VOTE, AN EXPORT LICENSE FOR FUEL FOR TARAPUR. THE  
COMMISSIONERS VOTING TO DENY THE LICENSE ARE EXPECTED TO  
JUSTIFY THEIR VOTES ON GROUNDS OF "THE STRENGTH OF INDIA'S  
NO-EXPLOSIVES PLEDGE AND THE QUESTION OF KWHETHER INDIA  
WOULD RETAIN SAFEGUARDS ON THE FUEL SHOULD THE US CUT OFF  
SUPPLIES AT A LATER DATE IF INDIA FAILS TO ADOPT COMPREHENSIVE  
SAFEGUARDS." THE JOURNAL GOES ON TO NOTE THAT "INDIA  
WOULD BE REQUIRED TO HAVE COMPREHENSIVE SAFEGUARDS  
TO CONTINUE GETTING FUEL UNDER THE NEW LAW AFTER A  
TWO-YEAR PERIOD, AND SO FAR THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT  
HAS REFUSED TO TAKE THIS STEP." BECAUSE PRESIDENT CARTER  
PERSONALLY PROMISED INDIA IN JANUARY TO RELEASE THE  
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TARAPUR FUEL SHIPMENT, WASHINGTON SOURCES QUOTED BY  
"NUCLEAR FUEL" ALSO PREDICT HE WILL SEEK TO OVERRIDE  
THE NRC DECISION. THE STATE DEPARTMENT IS SAID TO BE  
"VERY UPSET" BY THE "PROBABILITY" THAT THE NRC WILL  
REFUSE TO ISSUE AN EXPORT LICENSE FOR THE TARAPUR  
SHIPMENT.

2. MENON ALSO REPORTS THE STIR CAUSED BY A REUTER  
REPORT, PRINTED IN THE APRIL 16 " BALTIMORE SUN,"  
STATING THAT INDIA HAS STARTED REPROCESSING SPENT  
NUCLEAR FUEL AT ITS NEW TARAPUR REPROCESSING FACILITY.  
ALTHOUGH THE 1977-78 INDIAN DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY  
REPORT CITED BY REUTER DID NOT MAKE CLEAR WHERE THE  
FUEL CAME FROM, K MENON NOTES, " EVEN A PERFECTLY LEGAL JOB  
OF REPROCESSING, WHICH DOES NOT USE TARAPUR SPENT FUEL,  
WOULD BE FROWNED UPON (IN WASHINGTON ) AS GOING AGAINST  
THE SPIRIT OF MR.CARTER'S NON-PROLIFERATION EFFORTS.  
IT IS NOT SO FAR KNOWN HOW FAR THIS ASPECT WILL AFFECT  
THE NRC VOTING."  
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